## COLD B. R. T. CARS CAUSE NEW CLASH

Col. Williams Says Blame Rests With the Public Service Commission.

FIRES BLAST AT STRAUS

Asserts Proposals to Obtain Additional Power Have Been Unheeded.

Owar S. Straug, chairman of the Pub te Service Commission, and Col. Timothy S. Williams, president of the Brook lyn Rapid Transit Company, added more fuel yesterday to their controversy con cerning the heating of the cars of the B. R. T.

President Williams wrote a letter December 22 saying the commission was responsible for the insufficiency of power used by the B. R. T. Chairman Straus yesterday replied that the commission was not responsible and reiterated that the commission intended to cooperate with the District Attorney of Kings in punishing the company for violating the

This letter drew another blast last night from President Williams, who uccused the commission of not giving out all the facts in the matter and of placing the company in an "unfair position public. He repeated that the blame for the present conditions in Brooklyn lies with the commission, be-cause that body has falled to consider everal proposals submitted to it by the R. T. with respect to obtaining additional power.

### Straus's Letter. In his letter to President Williams,

Chairman Straus said:
"You are under the impression that
there has been unfairness toward the company. Several years ago the Public Service Commission made an order di-recting that certain conditions be complied with in respect to the heating of cars, and that the order be posted in all cars in operation. This is continuing

and effective and requires no further notice from the commission that compli-ance with it is at all times necessary." Chairman Straus then pointed out that the first attempt, so far as the informa-tion of the commission goes, of the B. R. T. to obtain additional power was made December 14, after the failure of the company to heat its cars properly was shown. Mr. Straus wanted to know why it was not possible for the company to obtain additional power for the more ing rush hour as promptly as it had been obtained for the evening rush hour on

He coreluded by informing President Williams that the commission intends to cooperate fully with the District Attorney of Kings.

### Williams's Reply.

of the cars, if there is any, at the door of the commission.
"I regret," wrote Mr. Williams to Chairman Straus, "that my confidence in your disposition to tell the full facts to the public, as set forth in my letter, mems to have been misplaced. Your answer, while disputing none of the essential facts, does not acknowledge the responsibility which is clearly up to the commission, but the letter is more or less.

23 to 8. The next resolution provided that the duties and functions of the new office be determined by the committee and functions of the new office be determined by the committee on the system. This was carried by a vote of 30 to 4. Then the third resolution, providing "that the committee on nominations canvass available candidates for the office of executive manager and make a nomination was offered and immediately caused a flurry.

"I can save the committee much time."

of STMr. Williams asserts the board were multipled with the policy of President William G. Willcox to tempt of President William G. Willcox to tempt of President William G. Willcox to tempt of the calm the troubled waters. It was decided finally to lay the third resolution over for one wek.

A number of the members of the board asserted that the office of executive manager had failed in several cities, including Detroit and Boston. Such a position causes friction and jealously, they deciared, and was a bad thing for the entire school system.

"it is point probable that there will shways h out of our daily operation of 50,000 cr 1 Jerps, sporadic and technical violation at the hoping, occasioned by a heater becoming a fective, by traffic conditions requiring in unusual opening of the doors or by the failure of individual conductors to observe the company's rules, for which failure they are always disci-plined. But these comparatively rare instances have no bearing upon the general demonstration of the company's dis-position to discharge its full obligation toward the public to the extent it has been permitted to do by the Public Ser-vice Commission."

### THOMPSON ASKS TIME. Wants Another Month to Continue

His Investigations. Having agreed to recommend to the 1917 Legislature a complete reorganiza-tion of the Public Service Commission and its duties, the joint legislative com-Having agreed to recommend to the 1917 Legislature a complete reorganization of the Public Service Commission and its duties, the joint legislative committee, headed by Senator George F. Thompson, met yesterday at the Bilt-more Hotel and decided to ask the Legislature for an additional month's large time to delve into several new phases of the Public Service Commission's work, and also the contemplated contract between the city and the New York Central Railroad for the improvement and relocation of tracks along Riverside.

The Dowman said he will have to hire Madison Square Garden next year. Mr. Wright's testimony gave a new when the new Commodors, with 2,000 in the new Commodors, with 2,000 in the new Commodors, with 2,000 in the new to more on its list, is added to the chain.

The programme consisted of vaudeville by Broadway stars, movies, dancing and champagne too.

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\*\*COAL IS UP 50 CENTS A TON.\*\*

Retail Price Raised From \$7.75 to garden next year. Mr. Wright's testimony gave a new Mr

of amending the present statute, which gives the Board of Estimate power to make such an arrangement, and vest such power only in the Public Service

## J. J. MOLLOY TO BE NEW

Derrick's Successor to Look After Interest of Mutual Welfare League.

John J. Molloy, assistant confidential clerk to William H. Moyer, warden of Sing Sing, will become deputy warden on January 1 to take the place of Calvin

affect then.

Mr. Molloy will take up Mr. Derrick's duties in looking after the interests of the Mutual Welfare League.

Burdette G. Lewis, Commissioner Burdette G. Lewis, Commissioner

Burdette G. Lewis, Commissioner of Correction, said yesterday that Mr. Derrick is the only man in the country who has actually worked out the technic of self-government in penal institutions.

"I have known Mr. Derrick for many years," said the Commissioner, "and his work will be invaluable to us. The wardens in the reformatories under the department are now working hard on the scientific problem of an efficient accounting of the system of earning time and merits. Mr. Derrick will assist them in the scientific management of this system.

"At present we have succeeded in standardising the credits to the men who work in the industrial shops, but when it comes to determining the credits for miscellaneous work, cleaning, house duties and others we are in need of just the expert service Mr. Derrick alone can

It was announced Tuesday that Mr. Derrick will be associated with the city department henceforth, working out the operation of the new parole law.

## MAYOR'S PLAN STIRS **EDUCATION BOARD**

Opposition Develops to the Appointment of an Executive Manager.

Plans of Mayor Mitchel and the Board of Estimate to establish the office of "executive manager" of the Board of Education will be opposed vigorously by several members of the board. This was apparent yesterday at the monthly meeting, when the establishment of the tain language by several members. The failure of the experiment was predicted. The trouble began when Prof. Frank-lin H. Giddings offered three resolutions, two of which were adopted finally and the third laid over until the next meeting. The first provided that inasmuch as the office of executive manager of the board at \$10,000 a year has been In his answer last night President fixed by the Charter, the Board of Edu-williams again accuses the commission of "unfairness" and once more lays the responsibility for the insufficient heating of the cars, if there is any at the cars.

## HOTEL EMPLOYEES GUESTS.

Biltmore and Manhattan Workers Entertained by Company.

Three thousand en.ployees of the Bilt-more and Manhattan hotels and 3,000 of their wives, husbands and other relatives were the guests of President John McE. Bowman of the Manhattan and Biltmore Hotels Corporation last night at their second annual dance in Terrace Garden. accord annual dance in Terrace Garden.

The celebration started at 3 o'clock in
the afternoon with a party for the
youngaters of employees, at which 2,000
little ones danced, saw movies, ate
luncheon and received presents of toys
and noveltles. In the evening their eland novelties. In the evening their elders had their turn. Each of the \$,000 had an extra ticket, for there was not their families. At that the 6,000 who were there filled the place so thoroughly that Mr. Bowman said he will have to

and relocation of tracks along Riverside Drive.

The tentative report of the committees, which has been prepared by Frank Moss, counsel to the committee, already covers more than 500 closely typewritten pages. Senator Thompson explained after the meeting, which was behind closed doors, that hefore the report was finished the committee desired to look into the Riverside Drive proposal.

The preliminary report, which will not be made public until it is submitted to like Legislature, covers numerous recommendations as to changes in the public service law and also touches on the right of the Police Department to "intention" private telephone conversations.

Senator Thompson strongly intimated to that the proposad contract between the city and the New York Central, which has been agreed to by the port and terminating and the service law and explained after the coal at the docks here are also handless that the proposed contract between the city and the New York Central, which has been agreed to by the port and terminating and the intention of the city and too liberal to the rall-road company. He is in favor, he said,

DEPUTY IN SING SING Union Leaders and Railroad Managers Confer on Adamson Law To-day.

MANAGERS BAN ALLIANCE DILLON EXPLAINS PLANS

Companies Won't Aid Repeal of 8 Hour Law or Withdraw Test Suit.

Three of the objects for which the 'Big Four" brotherhoods entered into negotiation with the National Conference Committee of Railroad Managers seemed yesterday, on the eve of the onference, fordoomed to failure. This hoods face to-day:

No consent or cooperation will be given by the railroads to the brother-hood's plan to have the Adamson law repealed.

repealed.

It was the hope of the brotherhood leaders that the railroad managers, desirous of defeating the eight hour law, would enter into an alliance with the unions to achieve this result, in return for which the railroads were expected to help defeat President Wilson's proposed policy of compulsory investigation of labor disputes. No such alliance will be established.

The railroads will not withdraw the test suit on the eight hour act. Nothing will be interposed to halt the decision of the United States Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the law.

## One Chance for Success,

The single remaining factor in the dis--the appointment of a joint poard to determine the operation of the Adamson act. if it is upheld-probably will be the only object in which the protherhoods have a chance for success Through an agreement yesterday be-

tween Attorney-General Gregory and railroad attorneys the effectiveness of the Adamson law has been suspended pending the outcome of the test suit Therefore on January 1 the employee will continue their work without an immediate benefits from the law, which was to go into operation that day.

However, the commission appointed by President Vilson, of which Major-Gen. George W. Goethals is chairman. will begin its scrutlny into railroad it has set down a set of regulations for the Finance Committee of the Senate, it to gather its statistics. In the event a fight to give the Commissioner Dilon's terminal market bill comes before the Finance Committee of the Senate, it to gather its statistics. In the event a fight to give the Commissioner of the Supreme Court systems of the commissioner Dilon's terminal market bill comes before the Finance Committee of the Senate, it is a member, he will make that the Supreme Court systems of the commissioner Dilon's terminal market bill comes before that the Supreme Court sustains the law the wage advantages incorporated in it will be given to the employees from January 1.

### Men Anticipate Defent.

It is understood from recent circular the enactment of a measure that com-pels investigation of disputes before the declaration of a strike.

This plan to fight compulsory This plan to be to compusery lives. The production, transportation and use gation will bring them into battle with the President. In expectation of this they are perfecting an alliance for oftensive purposes with the American around that it has been seriously suggested by a group of Western States that a country of the support of the

and that he would protest the action of the bard its cars at all times. Ever since 1910, he asserts, the commission has had before it several propositions from the B. R. T. for the acquisition of additional power to meet the increase demand when all of the new lines in Brooklyn will be in operation. No actio hatever, he says, has ever been take:

Addir R. I. Power.

With respective obtaining of additional power of the board of the board of the board of the board of the president of the president of the board of the president of the president of the board of the president of the president of the president of the president are due to calm the troubled waters. It was decided and the power proposed own. This additional supply of proke down. This additional supply of proke down. This additional supply of the big post of the company, is entirely sufficient of the company, is entirely sufficient of the president and failed in several cities, include the president and failed in several cities, include the president with the president of the board asserted that the office of executive manager had failed in several cities, include the president with the power from the disabled pair of the company, is entirely sufficient of the company and the sufficient of the president of the board asserts the job, find a man to fill it and the find something for him to do. On top of this William C. Adamson.

Labor Plane Bombarded.

On the The "Big Four" cniess will not aban-don their conference with the roads un-til they strive to induce the managers to form a board with them for the defi-nition of the law. Even if the court does uphold it no decision can cover all the intricacies of railroading; these will have to be solved by expert railroad have to be solved by expert railroad men. On this question they probably will gain a response from the managers.

## R. R. TO SPEND \$15,000,000.

New York Central About to Buy Equipment.

Almant, Dec. 27.—The New York Cen-Commission to-day for approval of a \$12,000,000 equipment trust for the comng year. The plan, according to S. H

## TOO MANY PROBES FACE 3 SETBACKS OF HIGH COST LIVING

Mass Meeting at Cooper Union Decides the Time Has Come for Action.

State Food and Markets Commissioner Says He Won't Be "Squelched."

high cost of living mass meeting at Cooper Union last night that there has been more than a sufficiency of investigations and that the time for action has arrived. Mrs. William Grant Brown president of the State Federation of Jomen's Clubs, was chairman,

John J. Dillon, State Commissioner of Foods and Markets, condemned what he called the "parasites of trade, the men the honest middleman exercises a neces-sary economic function—and put in a "I heard to-day," Mr. Dillon said, "that

The ard to-day," Mr. Dillon said, "that there are three lawyers in Albany working on a bill that will drive me out of office. This doesn't 'squelch' me a bit, Any time they want my job they can come and take it. I think the work I'm doing is getting under their skins." The Commissioner said he was "on the job" fifteen years before he had an official job and he promised that with the aid of up-State farmers, who are now putting in pasteurizing plants, he will give the people of New York bottled eight cent milk delivered at their doors by butchers and grocers, no matter what is done to him by the folks up at Albany.

Representative John J. Fitsgerald made a plea for his food embargo and other bills now pending in Congress and dwelt on the necessity of keeping food-atums in this country for the use of Americans.
"Are we to be such servile worshipper

of gold and Mammon," he asked, "that we are to permit to be shipped from this country necessities of life and let our people go hungry for the food they can-Presiding Justice Aaron J. Levy of the

Municipal Court said he believed there are enough laws on the statute books to warrant looking to the Attorney-General and District Attorneys for a solution of promised that when Commissioner Dil-

a fight to give the Commissioner a right or wrong. He was willing, he said to try any experiment designed to help

### Conference Here in April.

A national conference of growers, letters sent out by the brotherhoods that shippers and they anticipate the defeat of their in this city in April. Joseph Hartigan, project to have the law stricken out of Commissioner of Weights and Measures, existence. Also, they seem sure the originator of the idea, is now making arrangements for the event, which will be the first of its kind ever held in New broking of the continuous contin project to have the law stricken out of commission of the idea, is now manner existence. Also, they seem sure the originator of the idea, is now manner roads will not abandon the case now in the courts. Hence, they have decided to concentrate their energies to head off York. The plan has the backing of Mayor Mitchel. The Governors of all the specific will be invited to send delegates. The main subjects to be discussed will be production, transportation and dis-tribution of foodstuffs.

responsibility which is clearly up to the commission, but the letter is more or less they are perfecting an alliance for offensive purposes with the American Federation of Labor.

Last summer when they accepted the Less summer when they

## Drastic Remedies Necessary.

Mr. Hartigan said it was proposed that each State shall have a section of vised by the State or city and all accountings would be made direct to the producers or shippers. As for the elimination of the middleman by the operation of such a plan, the Commis-sioner said the people have stood for about all they can and drastic remedies

are absolutely necessary.

Mr. Hartigan explained Vermont has already taken up the idea of bringing its producers in closer touch with New York consumers and is about to establish an office here for the sale direct of its food products. A large station is now being built in Jacksonville, Fla., he added, from which foodstuffs will be shipped here without the aid of the mid-

## Fight Cold Storage Order.

Supreme Court Justice Bijur heard arguments yesterday on motions of egg dealers to restrain John J. Dillon, State dealers to restrain John J. Dillon, State Commissioner of Foods and Markets, from enforcing his order that all refrigerator eggs must be stamped with the words 'cold storage' and of Commissioner Dillon to enjoin egg men from selling cold storage eggs not stamped in accordance with his order.

Lawyers Frank A. K. Boland, John H. Rogan and Jerome F. Donovan represented the retail and wholesale dealers in eggs, and Deputies Edgar Brom-

in eggs, and Deputies Edgar Brom-berger and Alfred L Becker of the At-torney-General's office appeared for Commissioner Dillon.

Mr. Boland said the Dillon rule to

stamp each refrigerator egg after it left its original package would work a hard-

BURKE'S



# ship and would add to the cost of the egg. He said indelible ink on eggs was bad for persons who used egg shells to clarify their coffee. It was bad form also to serve boiled egs that are stamped. ### Side in the Court of Special Sessions yesterday for short weighing on crackers. #### Fig. New Milk Price Scale.

Argument Is a Boomerang.

A committee composed of two repre-sentatives of the milk producers, two representatives of New York dealers and State Senator Charles W. Wicks of "There is no reason why storage eggs should be stamped," Mr. Boland said, "because at the present many genuinely fresh eggs are stamped to distinguish them from storage eggs and because fresh eggs are stamped it is unnecessary to stamp the others."

Attorney-General Becker declared that if egg dealers can stamp fresh eggs there is no reason why they shouldn't stamp storage eggs. A brand on storage eggs, he said, made it impossible for such eggs to be sold as fresh eggs, the Oneida county met last night at the Murray Hill Hotel and set a new whole-sale scale of prices for milk, estimated at five cents a hundred pounds higher

to stamp the others."
Attorney-General Becker declared that if egg dealers can stamp fresh eggs there is no reason why they shouldn't stamp storage eggs. A brand on storage eggs, he said, made it impossible for such eggs to be sold as fresh eggs, the real purpose of the order. Justice Bijur reserved decision.

Morris Applebaum, a cracker dealer of 670 Linwood street, Brooklyn, was fined

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